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a portion of the reserve funds is remitted into the Central Bank. Therefore, rural credit also is only partially available. This is a problem to which we cannot simply close our eyes. We must face the problem and solve it. Everyday, people come and ask, 'What has happened to the Bank now? Formerly, you were giving whatever we wanted'. We have helped the members for the last forty years and I would now request the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation to look into the matter and agree to our request. After all, by increasing the limit, they are not going to lose anything. On the other hand, we are going to gain by providing integrated credit to the villagers.

4-30 p.m. I would next refer to the management of co-operative institutions. Employees are now coming under the influence of workers and trade unions. I am very sorry to state that even political organizations are coming into the co-operative fold now. I would request the Government to see that the co-operative institutions are spared from trade unions, if they are to survive for providing credit to the rural population.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: They come in as Members.

* DR. T. V. SIVANANDAM: It must be avoided.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: How can you prevent it?

* DR. T. V. SIVANANDAM: Our bye-laws say that employees should not be members of an association which is not recognised by the Registrar. Just now, my hon. Friend Sri Ponnuswami Chettiar was explaining how trade unionism entered the textiles and how they were all suffering. I am anxious that such a thing should not overtake the co-operative movement also. Employees of a co-operative society should not be members of trade unions. Tribunals, trade unions, etc., have no place in the co-operative movement. The movement has survived during the past 53 years.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is now past 4-30 p.m. There is a party at Raj Bhavan, Guindy, to-day.

* DR. T. V. SIVANANDAM: I am just finishing. The weavers fear that the rebate will not continue for a long time. The weavers have not reached a stage when the Government could stop the rebate. Therefore, I would request the Government to have the rebate continued for some years more.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned.

V.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

71. * *Report on the simplification and improvement of the Sales Tax system in Madras.*

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